

Field Format Conventions

X(n)

Field of $>n$ alphanumeric characters, left justified unless otherwise specified. 9(n)

Numeric field expressed in character format, right justified. **Delivery month fields must be zero-filled**, other numeric fields may be blank or zero filled.

Field has up to 'n' digits.

For negative fields, a minus sign ('-') directly precedes the number. Brackets must not be used.

Examples:

The delivery month for March 2000 must be represented as >0003'.

A quantity of '1234=' with a format of 9(10) will be represented as '1234' or '0000001234'.

A negative quantity of '-1234' with a format of 9(10) will be represented as '-1234' or '-000001234'.

9(n).9(m)

Numeric field expressed in character format, right justified and blank (or zero) front filled.

Field has up to $>n$ digits before the decimal point and 'm' digits after the decimal point (the number of digits is not specified in brackets if there is only one digit, i.e. '9(1)' is the same as '9').

The decimal point is embedded, taking up one byte on the record. Commas are not used for separating thousands. For negative fields, a minus sign ('-') directly precedes the number. Brackets must not be used.

Examples:

A volume of '1,234.5' with a format of '9(10).9' will be represented as ' 1234.5' or '0000001234.5'.

A negative volume of '-123=' will be represented as '-123.0' or '-000000123.0'.